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Dear Professor Egami:

I hope that neither you nor Dr. Kageyama have had any cause for concern in not hearing from me during the past several months. I am still relying on our previous plan for Dr. Kageyama to come here starting next year, and do not believe there will be any serious trouble about it. However, I have not yet been able to obtain any encouragement concerning the possible employment of Mrs. Kageyama, although I have not yet made any very serious efforts in that direction. A very important consideration there, possibly more important than would be the case for Dr. Kageyama, would be her facility in English, and I hope it will be possible to have some reassurance on that point as a basis for further efforts in finding a place for her. I am looking forward to your own visit here in February, as I recall, and to the opportunity of some further discussion of these points and many others at that time. I hope you will be able to confirm the details of your visit in time so that we can make some reasonable preparation for you.

Just now I have received a letter from a Mr. Masatoshi Kondo, who is now studying at the University of Indiana Medical Center at Indianapolis. He mentions that he had graduated from the Chemistry Department at Tokyo University, where he studied "chiefly organic chemistry and biochemistry". "Department which I graduated from in Tokyo has been dealing with molecular biology". I wonder if you have any information about Mr. Kondo that would be of help in evaluating his application. He would like to continue graduate studies starting next year, when he will have received a Master's degree in the Anatomy Department at Indiana. Frankly, we have very limited space at the present time, and as we expect to have already two Japanese workers in our department next year, I would be rather reluctant to consider an additional student. However, if there were indications that he had most unusual capabilities I would have to consider the possibility of either finding some place in our own group or perhaps, more likely, of bringing him to the attention of some one of my colleagues for study with him. In any case, any appraisal that you might give of Mr. Kondo, if you know him at all, would be most helpful in evaluating his letter.

Cordially,

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